

Substitute Bill No. 880

January Session, 2019



AN ACT INCREASING FAIRNESS AND TRANSPARENCY IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2019) (a) Not later than July 1, 2 2020, and annually thereafter, the Office of Policy and Management shall make a presentation to the Criminal Justice Commission, 4 established under section 51-275a of the general statutes, on existing 5 prosecutorial data, and report such presentation in accordance with 6 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes to the 7 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of 8 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and make such presentation publicly available on the Internet 10 web site of the Office of Policy and Management. The Office of Policy 11 and Management shall include in any such presentation made on or 12 after July 1, 2021, data described in subsection (b) of this section.
- 13 (b) Not later than February 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the
 14 Division of Criminal Justice, in consultation with the Judicial Branch,
 15 the Department of Correction and the Criminal Justice Information
 16 System Governing Board, established under section 54-142 of the
 17 general statutes, shall provide to the Office of Policy and Management
 18 data collected under section 2 of this act for the previous calendar year.

- 19 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2019) (a) The Division of Criminal
- 20 Justice, in consultation with the Judicial Branch, the Department of
- 21 Correction and the Criminal Justice Information System Governing
- 22 Board, established under section 54-142 of the general statutes, shall
- 23 collect for the purposes of section 1 of this act disaggregated, case level
- 24 data by docket number pertaining to defendants who are eighteen
- 25 years of age or older at the time of the commission of an alleged
- 26 offense under each of the categories described in subdivisions (1) to
- 27 (13), inclusive, of this subsection, as follows:
- 28 (1) Arrests, including data on citations, summonses, custody arrests,
- 29 warrants and on-site arrests;
- 30 (2) Arraignments of individuals in custody;
- 31 (3) Continuances;
- 32 (4) Diversionary programs, including data on program applications,
- 33 program diversions, successful completions by defendants of such
- 34 programs, failures by defendants to complete such programs and
- 35 people in diversion on the first of the month;
- 36 (5) Contact between victims and prosecutorial officials, including
- 37 data on cases involving victims;
- 38 (6) Dispositions, including data on pending cases and cases
- 39 disposed of;
- 40 (7) Nonjudicial sanctions, including data on nonjudicial sanctions
- 41 applied, successful completion of nonjudicial sanctions, failure of
- 42 nonjudicial sanctions and persons on nonjudicial sanction status on the
- 43 first of the month;
- 44 (8) Plea agreements, including data on total plea agreements,
- 45 agreements involving probation, agreements involving prison, other
- 46 agreements and prosecutor's last best offer;

- (9) Cases going to trial, including data on cases added per month, pending trial cases, plea offers accepted by the court per month, plea offers rejected by the court per month, disposition by trial, disposition involving probation, disposition involving prison and other dispositions;
- 52 (10) Demographics, including data on race, sex, ethnicity and age;
- 53 (11) Court fees or fines, including those imposed by the court at the 54 disposition of the defendant's case and any outstanding balance the 55 defendant may have on such fees or fines;
 - (12) Restitution amounts ordered pursuant to subsection (c) of section 53a-28 of the general statutes, including any amount collected by the court and any amount paid to a victim; and
- 59 (13) The zip code of the defendant's primary residence.
- 60 (b) No information collected under this section that personally identifies a victim may be disclosed under section 1 of this act.
 - Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) The Chief Public Defender shall, within available appropriations, establish a pilot program to provide representation to persons at parole revocation hearings. Not later than January 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the Chief Public Defender shall submit a report to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management on cases served as part of such program during the prior calendar year. Such report shall aggregate information, including, but not limited to, the number of public defenders funded through the pilot program, the number of preliminary hearings and final parole revocation hearings served by such public defenders and the associated outcomes of such hearings.
 - Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) Not later than January 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the Board of Pardons and Paroles shall report to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and make available on its Internet web site the following information:

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- 77 (1) Outcomes of preliminary hearings, including whether (A)
 78 probable cause of a parole violation was found and that the alleged
 79 violation was serious enough to warrant revocation of parole, (B)
 80 probable cause of a parole violation was found, but the alleged
 81 violation was not serious enough to warrant revocation, and (C) no
 82 probable cause of a parole violation was found;
- (2) The number of (A) individuals remanded to the custody of the Department of Correction for criminal and technical violations, and (B) individuals held in custody beyond a preliminary hearing pending a final parole revocation hearing;
- 87 (3) Outcomes of final parole revocation hearings, including whether 88 there was a recommendation to (A) reinstate parole, or (B) revoke 89 parole; and
- 90 (4) Case level data on demographics, including data on race, sex, ethnicity and age.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2019	New section
Sec. 3	July 1, 2019	New section
Sec. 4	July 1, 2019	New section

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